

Taken from Gina's post on December 3rd 2005

"He's done! Finally! I've been working on this fellow for several weeks now. I was thinking Christmas thoughts and tatting for my Secret Christmas gift exchange - one of them anyway....and I saw a tatted teddy bear which made me remember I had asked last year, or the year before, if there were any gingerbread designs out there? I guess not - I sure don't remember seeing any, but I forgot about it after I asked. So of course....I HAD to give it a try."



[Click here](#)

Abbreviations

R	rings	Ch	chains
ds	doubles	clr	Close ring
j	join	sep	separated
p	picot	prev	Previous
SR	Split ring	LR	Large ring

Model made in size 20 Manuela color M042 (or any ginger/brown color)

White frosting trim in size 20

Large beads are 4-6 mm

Small rings (SR) are based on the count of 2 ds, p, 1ds, p, 1 ds, p, 2 ds

Large rings (LR) are based on the count of 5 ds, p, 14 ds, p, 5 ds. The 14 ds are broken up according to where joins are made.

Clr (close ring) and rw (reverse work) are mentioned only the first time in an element and repeated until told otherwise.

Split rings are used in the centers of the body element. If you prefer to cut and tie, the body center is a ring of 12 p separated by 1 ds. You would then make a small ring in the second round, joining to a p in the center ring, but continuing as per the instructions after that. The bead is in the center but you can sew or glue it in later if you prefer. The head only uses a split ring when bridging from the 1st to the second round, but the onion ring center uses chain stitches, so you still need 2 shuttles, unless you make the outer ring as a ring instead of a chain.

Body

Size 20, fill 1 shuttle, have 2 large beads on shuttle thread, measure off another yard and then cut thread from ball. Wind 1 yard on 2nd shuttle for beginning split rings. 1 more large bead in reserve. All picots are joining picots so they should be small.

Center split ring

1 ds, 6 p sep by 1 ds/

using 2nd shuttle thread, pull loop through bead and secure with a paper clip

make 2nd half of split ring 1 ds,5 p sep by 1 ds, 1 ds, clr. Remove paper clip and join shuttle thread to loop protruding through bead. This should secure it in the center of the split ring and is the middle button on the belly.

Make a tiny mock picot and then make first small ring as a split ring: 1 ds, p, 2 ds/1 ds, p, 2 ds, clr.

Leave a tiny bare thread space now between each small ring and large ring as you work around the center ring. You can cut your second shuttle off now if you find it cumbersome but leave thread long enough to hide. To avoid pulling out the hidden end, it's better to wait until this round is done before hiding the end and cutting off.

Large ring 1: 5 ds, p, 2 ds, p, 10 ds, p, 2 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, rw (close ring and reverse work after each ring now.

SR2 and all remaining SR until the 12th SR: 2 ds, j to p of previous SR, 1 ds, j to next p of center ring, 1 ds, p, 2 ds

LR #2: 5 ds, j to p on previous LR (and this join will repeat all the way around), 2 ds, p, 5 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR3

LR#3: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR4

LR#4: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds (or repeat LR#3)

SR5

LR#5: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 4 ds, p, 3 ds, p, 5 ds

SR6

LR#6 w/1 bead: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, slide bead here and leave enough room for a join later, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR7

LR#7: 5 ds, p, 3 ds, p, 4 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR8

LR#8: 5 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR9

LR#9: 5 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR10

LR#10: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, p, 2 ds, p, 5 ds

SR11

LR#11: 5 ds, j, 2 ds, p, 12 ds, p, 5 ds

SR12: 2 ds, j, 1 ds, j to last p on center r, 1 ds, j to free p from 1st SR

LR#12 w/1 bead: 5 ds, j, 3 ds, p, 5 ds, b, 5 ds, p, 3 ds, j to free p on 1st LR, 5 ds.

This completes the body. Pull the beads to the center of each large ring. Hide ends.

Head

The Head joins to the body in 3 consecutive large rings, with a bead LR being in the center.

2 shuttles, fill one with 2 large beads and then measure out an additional yard of thread before cutting from the ball. Wind this yard onto a 2nd shuttle.

Center head ring: 9 ds, p, 9 ds, clr, rw

Ch (2 ds, p) 5 times, 1 ds, j to p on center ring, 1 ds, (p, 2 ds) 5 times, j to base of ring

Make a tiny mock picot, then a split ring for the first SR: 1 ds, p, 2 ds/1 ds, p, 2 ds, clr, rw (clr & rw after each ring element all the way around now)

LR#1: 5 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR2: 2 ds, j to p at previous SR, 1 ds, j to next p at center r, 1 ds, p, 2 ds

LR#2: repeat LR#1

SR3 w/ eye bead: slide bead next to last LR before starting SR, repeat SR2

LR#3: repeat LR#1

SR4: repeat SR2

LR#4: repeat LR#1

SR5: repeat SR2

LR#5: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 4 ds, j to ring p left of center body bead ring – leave the p nearest the center of that ring to join arm to later, 3 ds, p, 5 ds

SR6: repeat SR2

LR#6: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, j to body at bead ring at same place bead is joined, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR7: repeat SR2

LR#7: 5 ds, j to previous LR, 5 ds, j to LR to right of body bead ring to free p closest to bead, 2 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds

SR8: repeat SR2

LR#8: Repeat LR#1

SR9: repeat SR2

LR#9: repeat LR#1

SR10: repeat SR2

Slide bead up next to last ring before starting next LR

LR#10: repeat LR#1

SR11: repeat SR2

LR#11: repeat LR#1

SR12: 2 ds, j, 1 ds, j to last free p on center, 1 ds, j to free p on 1st SR

LR#12: 5 ds, j, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, j to free p on 1st LR, 5 ds

Hide ends. Eye beads should be approximately opposite each other.

Arms (each arm and leg is made up of 7 LR)

Fill 1 shuttle with ginger colored thread.

Hide end as you begin 1st ring: 5 ds, j to 1st free p at top of body to right of head/body join, 3 ds, j to free p on head, 4 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, rw

Tiny bare thread space until last 2 rings.

R2: 5 ds, j to free p of next body ring below, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, rw

R3: 5 ds, j to 1st arm ring, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, rw

R4: 5 ds, j to 2nd arm ring, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, rw

R5: 5 ds, j to 3rd arm ring, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr, do not rw

R6: 5 ds, j to previous ring, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, p, 5 ds, clr

R7: 5 ds, j to previous ring, 7 ds, p, 7 ds, j to free p on ring #4, 5 ds, clr, end & hide thread.

There should be enough thread to repeat arm on other side.

Legs

The legs are exactly the same as the arms but join 1st ring to the 1st ring past bottom bead ring and then make second joining of that same ring to free p on next ring. There are 2 joins with the 1st leg ring. The second ring will join to free picot on bead ring nearest the join you made with prior ring.

Repeat leg on other side.

Now you will chain around the body, joining chains in the free picots usually in the middle of each large ring. You only need a yard or so on the shuttle as most of the thread is used from the ball. DS count varies. In the neck, it's only about 3 ds between joins. As you go around the head, it is typically 8-10 ds. Going around the ends of the arms and legs is 10-12 ds but as you move along the sides of the arms and legs, there are only 4-5 ds between joins. The idea is to create a uniformly smooth line around the body of the boy. End of joining where you began and hide end.

Frosting trim. This is a chain trim also, so again, only a yard or so is needed on the shuttle. Join in the same side picots that the LR were joined all around. Between each join, ch in sets to produce the slightly ripply effect. I chained 2 sets of 4 first half, 4 second half between each join. Where I turned at the neck and under the arms and at the crotch, you can use fewer sets if you like. Join last stitch in same place you began and hide ends.

Once you wet the gingerbread boy and pin him out on wax paper covered Styrofoam – or whatever you use for blocking, he lays nice and flat and won't be able to get up and run away from you.